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OTHER INFORMATION

Applicant wishes to advise the examiner that prototype file binding systems as described and claimed in the present application have been under test by friends under implied confidentiality since about 1986. No monies were received from these individuals for the file binding system, and the evaluations of the prototypes are still underway.

Respectfully submitted,



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